

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

FACT SHEET

REQUEST APPROVAL TO RENEW THREE EXPIRING OUT-OF-STATE CHILD PLACEMENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENTS (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request approval to renew three expiring Out-of-State Child Placement Mental Health Services agreements for mentally ill clients who are placed in out-of-state residential programs.

REQUEST

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute the renewal of three expiring Out-of-State Child Placement (OSCP) Mental Health Services agreements, at an estimated annual cost of \$1,474,404 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 with two successive one-year renewal options through FY 2013-14.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future new agreements with other qualified and licensed OSCP providers and execute amendments to existing and future agreements, provided that: 1) the County's revised daily rate for each applicable fiscal year does not increase by 20 percent from the applicable revised daily rate; 2) any increase will be used to provide additional services or to reflect program or Board policy changes; 3) your Board has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel, or designee, is obtained prior to any such new agreements and amendments; 5) the parties, by written amendment, may mutually agree to reduce programs or services without reference to the 20 percent limitation; and 6) the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, notifies your Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of new agreements and amendments in writing within 30 days after execution of each Agreement and Amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval of the recommended actions will renew the existing three OSCP Mental Health Services agreements expiring on June 30, 2011. Renewal of these agreements will allow continued services to severely and persistently mentally ill (SPMI) young adults, seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) children, adolescents, and their families, and provision of support and technical services for the delivery of these mental health services.

In addition, Board approval will allow the Department to enter into agreements with new OSCP providers, and to amend agreements, as the need arises.

CONTRACTORS

The Agreements being renewed include:

1. Cinnamon Hills Youth Crisis Center
2. Sonia Shankman Orthogenic School/University of Chicago
3. Utah Youth Village (Alpine Academy)

The renewal of these agreements will provide an array of mental health treatment services to SPMI young adults, SED children, adolescents, and their families who are residents of the County of Los Angeles and are placed in out-of-state education and mental health treatment facilities. Placements are based on a referral from the local school districts as these SED children and adolescents have either failed in multiple local residential programs or have been refused admission by a multitude of mental health programs in California.

The Agreement includes revised or mandated provisions for: Contractor's Obligations as a Business Associate Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (Business Associate Agreement), Nondiscrimination in Services, Termination For Default, Quality Management Program, and Force Majeure.

The Agreement format has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The CEO has reviewed the proposed actions. DMH clinical and administrative staff will continue to administer and supervise these agreements and evaluate programs to ensure that quality services are being provided to clients and that the Agreement provisions and Departmental policies are being followed.

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